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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : WILHELM-FRIEDRICH MAIER ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : TO BE ASSIGNED  
FILED : HEREWITH  
FOR : COMBINATIONAL METHOD FOR MICROGRAM-SCALE  
PRODUCTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF  
CRYSTALLINE AND AMORPHOUS LIBRARIES OF  
MATERIALS  
ART UNIT : UNASSIGNED  
EXAMINER : UNASSIGNED

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November 14, 2000

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first sentence: — This application is a 371 of PCT/EP99/03287, which was

filed on May 12, 1999. --

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